Was Forced Into Perjury in '64 Hoffa Trial--Partin

Paper Attributes Quote to Teamster Boss

By JOHN McMILLAN

Baton Rouge Teamster boss Edward Grady Partin — with the prescription limit on his alleged perjury elapsed — now says he lied during the trial which sent Teamster leader James Riddle Hoffa to prison, according to a New Hampshire newspaper.

The paper, the Manchester Union Leader, reported in a copyrighted story Thursday that Partin made the statement in a deposition in California March 27.

One of the witnesses to the deposition, according to the New England newspaper, was D'Alton Smith, formerly of New Orleans, who is now appealing a five-year conviction on 18 counts of transporting interstate stolen and forged securities.

The paper identified Smith as a friend of Partin's. However, in April of 1969, Partin testified in a Baton Rouge court that Smith offered him $65,000 if he would say the government used illegal wiretapping during the jury tampering trial which sent Hoffa to prison.

He said the meeting with Smith was arranged by Aubrey Young, a one-time aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Hoffa began serving an eight-year sentence in Lewisburg, Pa., March 7, 1967. He was recently denied a parole.

JUDGE DENIES TAPES

Not only did the paper quote Partin, it reported Baton Rouge City Judge William Hawk Daniels said he had tape recordings which could possibly free Hoffa.

Contacted in Baton Rouge, however, Daniels said he had some tapes of a conversation between Partin and an attorney for Hoffa but said he didn't know what information was on them.

"I don't think I've ever said that I had tapes of conversations to the effect that persons were urging or coercing Partin to commit perjury before the federal courts," he said.

In the alleged deposition, Partin said that in 1962 representatives of the Justice Department forced him into the role of informer by threatening him with "a hundred years in jail" unless he did their bidding.

Partin allegedly went on in the deposition: "Hoffa shouldn't really be in prison. I know I committed perjury, but I was forced into it. . . I'm willing to take my rap for perjury but I think the truth should come out."

The statute of limitations of prosecution for perjury is five years. Partin's testimony was given in 1964.

GALLINGHOUSE QUOTED

The paper also quoted U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse as saying he was unable to get "to the truth" of the Partin-Hoffa matter because of the Kennedy element left in the Justice Department. The late Robert F. Kennedy successfully prosecuted Hoffa when Kennedy was Attorney General.

Gallinghouse Saturday denied the statement. "I must say that I have never substantiated any statement made or represented as made by Mr. Partin with reference to Mr. Hoffa or anybody else, and I have never made any comment on any such statement that may have been made by or attributed to him."

He said no efforts have been made by anyone in the Justice Department to halt any efforts concerning Partin. "At no time have I ever said or indicated to any person that we could not get to the truth about the so-called Partin-Hoffa matter. In fact, the official responsibilities of our office have never required me to make any official inquiry involving Mr. Hoffa's case."

Nevertheless, the publisher of the New Hampshire paper, William Loeb, said he urged President Nixon in a telegram to order an investigation of the Hoffa conviction based on the article in his paper.

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